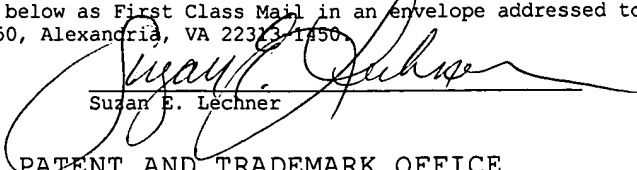




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Summary:

1. Page 2 of this document contains an Interview

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2. Pages 3 and 4 of this document contain claim amendments.

3. Pages 5-7 contain remarks relevant to these matters.

Interview Summary

On April 21, 2006, a counsel of record for Applicants, Carl R. Schwartz, participated in a telephone interview with Examiners Barney and Scherbel. During that interview Carl Schwartz confirmed that the claim language regarding release rates referred to the device as a whole, rather than to the rate per square inch of gel. He also confirmed the lack of criticality of the materials used, emphasizing the importance instead of controlling the exposed surface area (see paragraph (0007) of the original specification).

With respect to the drawing objection it was noted by Carl Schwartz that even if the August 5, 2005 Fig. 3 drawing is not entered, the original Fig. 2, in light of the specification, constitutes adequate compliance with Rule 83.

With respect to the enablement issue, the examiners requested experimental data to confirm the underlying principle. The Applicant's representative stressed that improved stability of release rates was due to elongation and tapering of the gel shape, and agreed to submit photographs and test data to confirm the basic principle.